**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 58‑12‑90, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CABLE COMPANIES MAKING A CHANNEL AVAILABLE TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CABLE COMPANIES MUST ALSO OFFER A CABLE SERVICE TIER THAT ALLOWS SUBSCRIBERS TO CHOOSE CHANNELS ON AN INDIVIDUAL PER‑CHANNEL BASIS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 58‑12‑90 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 533 of 1990, is further amended to read:

“Section 58‑12‑90. (A) All cable television companies operating in the State shall make available one six megahertz channel for the transmissions of the South Carolina Educational Television Commission.

(B) All cable television companies operating in the State shall offer a basic cable service tier comprised of required local, public, educational, and governmental channels and channels offered on an individual per‑channel basis rather than solely as part of a package or tier of programming. Nothing in this section prevents a cable television company from offering tiers or packages of service that contain any or all channels offered on an individual per‑channel basis.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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